

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system adapted to protect a newly applied body art, the system
5 comprising:

a cover defined by:

a peripheral portion having a mating surface for placement on a
skin surface, wherein the mating surface is shaped to surround
newly applied body art on the skin surface,

10 a central portion joining the peripheral portion, wherein the central
portion has an outer surface and an interior recessed surface;
and

a retention member adapted to affix the cover to the skin,

wherein placement and affixing of the cover around and over the newly
15 applied body art creates a gapped region between the central portion and the
newly applied body art and substantially prevents destructive contact to the
same.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the body art is selected from a tattoo,
20 piercing, scarring, insertion of foreign objects, removal of skin, or a combination
thereof.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein the cover is flexible.

25 4. The system of claim 1, wherein the cover comprises a metal.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein the cover comprises a plastic.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein the central portion defines one or more
30 perforations adapted to allow air circulation to the newly applied body art or to
allow the application of agents for facilitating in the healing process or both.

7. The system of claim 1, wherein placement of the cover onto the surface of the skin creates a substantially waterproof environment in the gapped region thereby substantially preventing the ingress or egress of water.

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8. The system of claim 1, wherein the cover comprises of an opaque material, which substantially prevents exposure of the skin having the body art to sunlight.

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9. The system of claim 1, wherein the retention member is selected from tape, Velcro, elastic, bandages, gels, adhesives, gauzes, wraps or combinations thereof.

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10. The system of claim 8, wherein the retention member further acts to create a substantially waterproof environment in the gapped region.

11. A method of protecting a newly applied tattoo comprising the steps of:
providing a skin surface having a newly applied tattoo;
placing a cover over the newly applied body art, the cover defined by:

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a peripheral portion having a mating surface for placement on a skin surface, wherein the mating surface is shaped to surround newly applied body art on the skin surface,

a central portion joining the peripheral portion, wherein the central portion has an outer surface and an interior recessed surface;

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affixing the cover to the skin using a retention member, wherein a gapped region is created between the central portion and the newly applied body art, which substantially prevents destructive contact to the newly applied body art.

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12. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of applying an agent to the newly applied body art to facilitate in the healing of the same.

13. The method of claim 10, wherein the central portion defines one or more perforations adapted to allow air circulation to the newly applied body art or to allow the application of agents for facilitating in the healing process or both.

5 14. The method of claim 10, wherein placement of the cover onto the surface of the skin creates a substantially waterproof environment in the gapped region thereby substantially preventing the ingress or egress of water.

10 15. The method of claim 10, wherein the retention member is selected from tape, Velcro, elastic, bandages, gels, adhesives, gauzes, wraps or combinations thereof.

16. The method of claim 10, wherein the retention member further acts to create a substantially waterproof environment in the gapped region.

15 17. A kit for protecting a newly applied body art, the kit comprising:
a dome shield adapted to cover at least a portion of a newly applied body art on a skin surface, the dome shield having a recessed interior surface; and
a retention member for affixing the shield to a skin portion.

20 18. The kit of claim 17, further comprising an agent adapted to facilitate in the healing process of the newly applied body art.

25 19. The kit of claim 17, wherein the retention member is selected from tape, Velcro, elastic, bandages, gels, adhesives, gauzes, wraps or combinations thereof.

30 20. The kit of claim 17, further comprising additional wound protecting devices.